

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ELSIE ARNTZEN**, on January 9, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairman (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson (D)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)

Staff Present: Sonja Lee, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 49, 1/3/2007
Executive Action: Local Government Committee
Rules Approved

HEARING ON HB 49

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:24 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 49, Require study of local government special purpose districts.

[EXHIBIT\(loh05a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh05a02\)](#)

Proponents:

00:06:16 Sheryl Woods, Montana Association of Counties

00:09:09 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities

00:11:21 Lois Fitzpatrick, Montana Library Association

00:12:41 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources

[EXHIBIT\(loh05a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh05a04\)](#)

00:14:59 Charles Brooks, Yellowstone County Commission,
(also spoke for Rhonda Wiggers representing Montana
County Treasurers)

00:16:38 Jani McCall, City of Billings

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:21 Rep. Ebinger

00:17:54 Sheryl Woods

00:19:34 Rep. Wiseman

00:19:51 Anna Miller

00:21:05 Rep. Wiseman

00:21:16 Anna Miller

00:21:35 Rep. Wiseman

00:21:40 Anna Miller

00:21:57 Rep. Nooney

00:22:19 Alec Hansen

00:23:53 Rep. Jacobson

00:24:57 Alec Hansen

00:26:22 Rep. Jacobson

00:26:37 Rep. Hamilton

00:26:44 Rep. Jacobson

00:27:04 Rep. Hamilton

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:48 Rep. Hamilton

00:28:07 Chairman Arntzen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE RULES

Motion/Vote: Rep. Stahl moved House Local Government Committee Rules **Do Pass**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:37 P.M.

REP. ELSIE ARNTZEN, Chairman

PAM SCHINDLER, Secretary

EA/ps

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([loh05aad.pdf](#))